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FOR ASST. SECY RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: JULY 4, 1976 COMMEMORATION

1. EMBASSY IS IN THE PROCESS OF ORGANIZING A MAJOR BICENTENNIAL HAPPENING TO BE HELD IN THE NETHERLANDS ON JULY 4, 1976 AND POSSIBLY CONTINUING THEREAFTER FOR AS LONG AS A WEEK. THE LEADING EVENT WILL BE A LARGE GATHERING OF AMERICANS AND DUTCH TO BE ADDRESSED BY ONE OR MORE OUTSTANDING SPEAKERS FOLLOWED BY ENTERTAINMENT FEATURING AMERICAN THEMES AND ARTISTS. OUR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO DEMONSTRATE AND GIVE WITNESS TO THOSE PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY, SEVERAL OF WHICH WE HOLD IN COMMON WITH THE DUTCH, WHICH HAVE MOTIVATED OUR NATIONAL HISTORY AND EVOLUTION AND HAVE HAD BENEFICIAL IMPACT FOR MANKIND.

2. AS A FOLLOW-UP TO THIS OPENING DAY WE ARE EAGER TO SCHEDULE ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF AMERICAN HERITAGE, CULTURE, AND TECHNOLOGY SUCH AS ILLUSTRATED LECTURES, STATIC EXHIBITS, AND ARTISTIC PERFORMANCES.

3. WHILE WE WILL DO MOST OF THE ORGANIZING HERE, DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE WOULD BE OF ENORMOUS HELP IN SEVERAL AREAS, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO GET OUR REQUESTS IN NOW.

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4. WE WILL NEED AN EMINENT AMERICAN SPEAKER FOR THE

JULY 4 PROGRAM AND WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AMONG THOSE WHO MIGHT BE AVAILABLE.

5. WE WILL NEED A FIRST-RATE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PROGRAM. THE DEPARTMENT'S LISTS OF AMERICAN ARTISTS WHO WILL BE IN THIS AREA AROUND THE FOURTH OF JULY DO NOT INDICATE READY AVAILABILITY OF PERSONS OR GROUPS APPROPRIATE FOR OUR PURPOSE. WE WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AN OUTSTANDING INSTRUMENTAL GROUP AND/OR VOCAL GROUP. WE ARE ALSO MOST INTERESTED IN OBTAINING PARTICIPATION BY JAZZ AND COUNTRY MUSIC ARTISTS.

6. IN ADDITION TO OUR REQUIREMENTS LISTED IN PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 5 ABOVE, WE WOULD WELCOME ANY AND ALL SUGGESTIONS THAT DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE FOR ADDITIONAL LECTURERS, ARTISTS, AND PERFORMERS PARTICULARLY THOSE REPRESENTATIVE OF ETHNIC GROUPS.

7. A POSSIBLE SPEAKER, IF HE IS INDEED A GOOD PUBLIC SPEAKER AS WELL AS AN ENGAGING PERSONALITY, MIGHT BE PROFESSOR TJALLING KOOPMANS OF YALE, WHO HAS RECEIVED A NOBEL FOR ECONOMIC SCIENCE. PLEASE ADVISE US OF POSSIBILITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THIS MATTER ASAP.
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